

## **ANNUAL DINNER HOUSE OF COMMONS, LONDON**



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Society of Maritime Industries Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and once again in the magnificent surroundings of the Members' Dining Room of the House of Commons. The President of the Society of Maritime Industries, Mr Archie Bethel CBE, will be in attendance at the dinner which will be hosted formally by our Honorary Vice-President, Ms Sheryll Murray MP.

The President's Reception, commencing at 19.00, will take place in the Strangers' Dining Room. As usual, there will be the opportunity to join specially arranged guided tours of the Palace of Westminster between 19.00 and 19.45. These are highly recommended. Dinner will be served at 20.00 with carriages at 22.45 prompt.

The guest speaker will be Mr Nicholas Cox MBE, Project Leader (Arctic), British Antarctic Survey, who will regale us with stories of over 40 years working in the challenging environments of the Antarctic and Arctic. Nicholas established Britain's first permanent Arctic research station and has been awarded the Polar Medal and subsequently a Clasp by HM Majesty the Queen.

**This event is exclusively for members of the Society and their guests.**

The cost per head is £230 + VAT (£276). Tables seat 10 persons (there is limited availability for tables of 12 persons). Applications are required as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. Please use the form overleaf to make your booking.

### **THE DINNER**

The Society's Annual Dinner is an outstanding opportunity for members, their partners and their guests to enjoy the privilege of dining in a unique and exclusive location. As it is the start of the weekend the annual dinner is as much a social occasion as for business and spouses/partners are most welcome. Furthermore, joining one of the tours gives you and your guests 'behind the scenes' access to the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Given the popularity of previous dinners, members are urged to make their reservations early, since the limited space in the venue may make it necessary to deal with applications on a first come, first served basis. The dress code is black tie for men, cocktail/evening dress for women.

More details, invitation cards and a map will be dispatched with the acknowledgement of all applications and confirmation of your attendance. Should the event be oversubscribed, applicants' names will be put on a waiting list in the order in which their applications have been received.

**Refunds of charges paid cannot be made for cancellations received after Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

